

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated April 3, 2007. Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, 15-21, 23, and 24 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 11 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' undersigned representative thanks Examiner Bradley for the thoughtful courtesies and kind treatment afforded during the personal interview conducted on May 17, 2007. During the interview, the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, was discussed, with Examiner Bradley agreeing that this rejection would be overcome if claims 1 and 11 were amended to recite that "integer *N*" is "greater than one." To this end, and as more fully described below, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to recite this feature. No new matter is believed to have been introduced. An indication of allowance for all claims and early passage to issue are thus respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Bradley for indicating independent claims 1 and 11, along with their dependent claims, are allowable if independent claims 1 and 11 are amended to overcome § 112, second paragraph, rejection. Accordingly and as more fully described below, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 11 to overcome the § 112, second paragraph rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, 15-21, 23, 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being allegedly indefinite. To this end, the Office Action asserts that "outputting a request from an application to the paged virtual memory system for allocation of a block of memory by an operating system to the application, the block of memory being integer *N* times the size of the memory page, ... [and] dividing the block of memory into (*N*-1) frames" (emphasis added), as recited in independent claim 1 and as similarly recited in independent claim 11 renders independent claims 1 and 11 indefinite because no positive recitations of restriction

on the selection of N as an integer appears in claims 1 and 11. To obviate this rejection, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite "the block of memory being integer N times the size of the memory page, the integer N being greater than one."

Independent claim 1 was also rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for "the page virtual memory system." To obviate this rejection, this feature has been changed to "the paged virtual memory system," which has clear antecedent basis within the claim.

Independent claim 11 was also rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for "the paged virtual memory system." To obviate this rejection, this feature has been changed to "a paged virtual memory system."

Independent claim 11 was also rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for "the operating system." To obviate this rejection, this feature has been changed to "an operating system."

Accordingly, based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent claims 1 and 11 are believed to be allowable. The remaining rejected claims in the application are each dependent on these independent claims and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons. No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance and such action is courteously solicited.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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